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HAMBURG, West Germany—
The CIA and its counterparts in the NATO countries are intensifying coordination of intelligence efforts in order to muffle critical organizations and individuals.

The trend was confirmed in the Hamburg legislature here last month when the governing Social Democratic Senate admitted that since 1968 its political police have regularly passed on information about the activities of political organizations and parties to military and civil intelligence agencies of the NATO allies in Hamburg. The Hamburg revelation came June 14 in response to an inquiry by the Green Alternative List.

The Hamburg monthly Arbeiterkampf reported June 4 that according to its sources, the CIA receives detailed reports compiled by the Hamburg security police at least once a week. Report 27, dated May 3, 1984, for instance, documents trade union activities and May Day demonstrations, feminist meetings and actions, citizens' initiatives for cheaper housing and the rights of squatters, and even events organized by the conservative Christian Democratic Union.

Although the U.S. Consulate confirmed that it received these police reports, a German senator and his spokesperson both denied this two days later. The senator did

concede, in an interview with the Guardian, that these police reports were passed to the NATO liaison office in Kiel, the British and North American military and intelligence agencies and the U.S. civilian intelligence bureau in Hamburg.

Since December, 1983, West German law prohibits the transfer of personal data to authorities or agencies without the permission of the individuals concerned. But a May 3 report passed to intelligence agencies contains a list of activists, including 24 names and addresses. The individuals plan to ask the American Civil Liberties Union and their lawyer in Washington to file a request for inspection of their files under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act. They say they will, if necessary, go to court to insure that their names and data are deleted from CIA and other records.

The recent allied summit meeting in London produced a final communique with a pledge among the European and U.S. participants to cooperate in areas of "exchange of information, intelligence data and technical knowledge." However, the West German revelations confirm that these preparations have actually been underway for some time.

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